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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM SECRETARY POWELL
ON BMENA

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[1](#)1. (U) Embassy Manama received the following response from
Minister of Foreign Affairs Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifato
Secretary Powell's letter on the Broader Middle East and

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North Africa (BMENA) meeting in Rabat via diplomatic note on
December 6.

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November 30, 2004

His Excellency
Mr. Colin Powell
Secretary of State of the United States of America

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2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520
United States of America

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your letter of 24 November, 2004, in advance of
the first meeting of the G8) Middle East Forum for the
Future in Rabat, Morocco, on 11 December. I share your view
of the historic importance of this inaugural meeting, and the
opportunity it presents for the governments of the region to
work with the G8 countries to promote and entrench lasting
modernization and reform, so as to bring sustainable and
comprehensive development for the region and its peoples.

The Kingdom of Bahrain will therefore play a full and active
part in the Rabat meeting, and will continue to be at the
forefront of regional development and modernization. I look
forward to the opportunity to meet with you during the Forum
meeting, to discuss the issues before the meeting, as well as
other matters of mutual interest and concern.

In anticipation of meeting with you in Rabat, may I therefore
thank you once again for your letter, and send you my warmest
personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Of the Kingdom of Bahrain

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